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REDUCTIONS

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1. REFTEL PROPOSED EXPEDITIOUS PREPARATION, WITHIN
CONTEXT OF ADVISORY STRUCTURE AND TPSC REVIEW, OF REQUESTS
TO JAPAN FOR GREATER-THAN-FORMULA TARIFF REDUCTIONS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TPSC CLEARANCE IS SCHEDULED THIS
WEEK OR NEXT WEEK FOR U.S. OFFERS CONDITIONS/LINKAGES
BOOKS FOR EC, CANADA, SWEDEN, NORWAY, FINLAND AND SWITZER-
LAND, BUT THAT PREPARATION AND TPSC REVIEW OF GREATER-
THAN-FORMULA (GTF) REQUESTS TO OTHER TARIFF HYPOTHESIS
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COUNTRIES IS STILL ONLY IN THE PLANNING STAGE.

3. WE BELIEVE PREPARATION OF GTF REQUESTS TO CANADA
SHOULD ALSO BE EXPEDITED WITH MID-MARCH TARGET FOR
PRESENTATION TO CANADA. CANADA SOME MONTHS AGO GAVE
USG SEVERAL DIFFERENT REQUEST LISTS FOR GTF TARIFF
REDUCTIONS TO WHICH U.S. HAS LARGELY RESPONDED FAVORABLY.

RECEIPT OF CANADIAN GTF OFFER SHOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE OUR OWN GTF REQUESTS. PRIORITY, IN OUR VIEW, SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO EC, WITH COMPLETION BY MID-MARCH. WE RECOMMEND THAT U.S. REQUEST LIST TO EC BE A SHORT LIST CONFINED TO A FEW PRODUCTS OF MAJOR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE U.S. (E.G., PAPER) OR PRODUCTS WHERE THE EC ITSELF HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN DEEPER CUTS (E.G., AIRCRAFT AND PARTS). FOURTH PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO NORDICS, SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA.

4. USG IS MOVING RAPIDLY INTO FULL NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER WORKING HYPOTHESIS COUNTRIES. SUCH U.S. REQUEST LISTS SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO THEM IN MARCH TO ALLOW THEM TO GIVE REQUESTS CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, PUSH POSITIVE RESPONSES THROUGH THEIR POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND REACH AGREEMENT IN GENEVA BEFORE JULY 15 DEADLINE.

5. DELEGATION WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE, HOWEVER PRELIMINARY, GIVING AN INDICATION OF TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION OF U.S. GTF REQUESTS AND ANY COMMENTS ABOUT WORK DELEGATION COULD DO NOW ON SUCH REQUESTS TO ASSIST WASHINGTON. MCDONALD

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